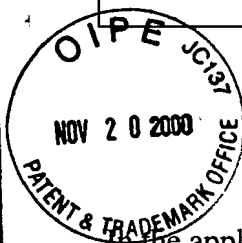


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Response



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In the application of:

Christopher J. DANEK et al.

Serial No.: 09/296,040

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For: MODIFICATION OF AIRWAYS BY
APPLICATION OF ENERGY

Examiner: A. Farah

Group Art Unit: 3739

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2000 (Paper No. 9) for which a response is due on November 17, 2000. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims

Please amend claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for treating conditions of the lungs by decreasing airway responsiveness comprising:

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